

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 51 are pending in the application. Claims 1 through 15 has been allowed.

The Reissue Declaration

In paragraph 4 on Page 2 of the Examiner's comments, the Examiner stated that the "original patent, or statement as to the loss or inaccessibility of the original patent, must be received before reissue application can be allowed. See 37 CFR §1.178."

In the previously filed Applicant's Amendment (29 August 2002), Applicant stated that the substitute Declaration by the Assignee now expressly states that "I offer to surrender the original grant of the patent, but that patent has become lost and has become inaccessible.", in conformance with the express language of 37 C.F.R. § 1.178(a).

Applicant now submits the executed Substitute Declarations by the Assignee and by the Inventor for the Examiner's consideration. Withdrawal of the objection is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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